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BOYS' AGRICULTURAL CLUB HOLDS  
SUCCESSFUL MEETING

College Park, Md., March 18.

In connection with the Boys' Club Work which is being conducted as a part of the Co-operative Extension work of the Maryland Agricultural College and Department of Agriculture, the Assistant State Agent in charge with the several county agents are co-operating with local school teachers in the organization of Boys' Farm or Agricultural Clubs. These clubs meet twice a month, either at the school house or homes of the boys, for the discussion of things of interest in their farm and neighborhood life and seek to encourage the study and improvement of farming conditions. One of the most promising among the clubs of this sort recently organized is the Boys' Agricultural Club of Middletown which was formed under the direction of P. A. Hauver, the local agricultural teacher at the Middletown High School. The sixteen charter members of the club were all pupils of Mr. Hauver, whom he wished to enroll in corn, potato, pig or poultry club work as the home project part of their agricultural education, their ages ranging from 10 to 18 years. At the last meeting of this club, March 3, four additional members were taken in making a total of twenty. The aim of this club is to include not only those boys who can actually engage in home project work, but those as well who are not so fortunately placed or who have finished school

and wish to keep in touch with some helpful educational influence.

Although the club at Middletown is only a few weeks old, it is being conducted in a way that would be a lesson to many organizations of longer standing. At its recent meeting the members were called to order by the boy president, who conducted the meeting throughout in an able manner, and with very little help or suggestion from Mr. Hauver, who modestly took a seat in the rear of the room on the theory that the boys would never learn to run their club themselves if not thrown on their own resources. The meeting was held in a section of the assembly room, partitioned off with sliding doors and well adapted to meetings of this size.

Following the reading of the minutes by the club secretary, considerable business was transacted, such as the selection of a permanent meeting place, admission of new members, and the announcement of the program for the next meeting, the details of which the boys worked out for themselves, choosing such subjects as interested them. The first number on the program was a talk by the club secretary, Frank Remsburg, on the value of joining the State Boys' Potato Club and his experience in this line of work during the past two years. He gave suggestions as the kind of potatoes to plant, how to cultivate them, the necessity of spraying for blight, and how to overcome unfavorable conditions. He was followed by one of the members who read from a farm paper how instruction in manual training is being adopted in some sections to training country boys in the proper construction of poultry and hog houses, useful appliances for the farm and farm home, and other

work of a sort helpful to people living in the country. Another member who is particularly interested in poultry gave an account of his personal experiences, suggesting the best methods of handling the flock, and how to start in business. Still another member read from a farm paper regarding the development of agricultural education and showed that the boys were taking a most intelligent interest in the efforts of their teacher to make farm life a subject of careful study and live interest. The program concluded with a short talk by the assistant State Agent, in charge of Boys' Club Work, who commented favorably on the progress the club was making, and also gave information that was desired regarding enrollment in the corn, potato, pig, and poultry club work of the county and State. In conclusion, he urged upon the members of the club the necessity of each one to take an active part in the work of their organization and make its influence felt in the future agricultural development of their neighborhood and of Frederick county.

Following adjournment, the members of the club remained for a social half hour making good use of a number of indoor games provided by Mr. Hauver, not the least popular feature of this part of the meeting being the cake, candy, and peanuts which made their appearance and prompt disappearance much to the satisfaction of the membership. Boys, it seems, are never averse to things good to eat, nor is this trait confined to them alone, if we can judge by the popularity of this feature of a grange or club meeting of their fathers or brothers. No real boys' club would be complete without its social as well as its educational side.







## ASSISTANT APPOINTED IN HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

College Park, Md., March 17.

During the past week, Miss Kathleen Calkins, recently appointed Assistant in Home Demonstration Work for Maryland, took up active work in connection with the movable schools which are being held in a number of neighborhoods this year. Miss Calkins is a graduate in home economics of the University of Wisconsin, having been employed as an instructor at that institution since her graduation in 1914. She comes to Maryland highly recommended for the various phases of home demonstration work which have been developed during the past year under the direction of Miss K. A. Pritchett, in charge of Home Demonstration Work in Maryland, and her assistant, Miss Florence J. Hunt. The training given by the University of Wisconsin is too well known to require any comment beyond the fact that it undoubtedly gives the students who are fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of it, an equipment for meeting practical conditions unequaled elsewhere in the United States. We should consider Maryland most fortunate in having added to its able home demonstration force, a member with the experience and ability of Miss Calkins, in the work which is being done in holding movable schools, organizing and conducting Girls' Home Economics Clubs, and in giving information and instruction in practical home and community building.

## PROPOSED HOME STATE TOUR FOR WINNERS IN BOYS' CORN CLUB MEETS WITH ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION

College Park, Md., March 18.

As a result of the announcement of a Home State Tour for the winners in the Boys' Club of Maryland, county agents in the State are meeting with much enthusiastic support among the boys. County Agent J. F. Monroe of Worcester county, is the first to make a full report of his

corn club enrollment for 1916; sixty-six members being already enrolled from his county. Worcester county sent a splendid delegation last year to the Maryland Week Exhibition and it is expected with the increased enthusiasm which is already apparent that will result in a splendid average record for Worcester this year. The following editorial from one of the local papers of Worcester county gives an excellent idea of the way in which its local editors and other public-spirited citizens are co-operating in placing Worcester county in the front rank agriculturally, and in boosting the excellent work County Agent Monroe is doing with the boys in particular:

"The county boys in the crop contest in 1915 made a lasting impression on Baltimore and Baltimoreans, such an impression, in fact, that the Baltimore Sun, co-operating with the Department of Agriculture and State Agricultural College, is planning big things for 1916.

"In the past, prize winners in Boys' Club Work have been taken to Washington and distant places; a most commendable recognition of effort and efficiency properly applied. It remained for Maryland, a young State in Club Work, to start something even better than seeing Washington—that is, the seeing, studying and learning of our home State. The proposed "Home State Tour of Maryland Club Boys in 1916" by the Baltimore Sun is a big thing. So big, in fact, that it will require the co-operative effort of every man, woman and child to make it a success.

"Worcester must do her share in true "Worcestershireian" fashion. Our prize winning sons will see Western Maryland. We have no fear but that they will be taken care of, Western Maryland boys are to be with us. This calls for the absolute abandonment of all feelings and prejudices and putting our shoulders behind this Mammoth Wheel. We are proud of our county, and must make every necessary sacrifice to

show Western Maryland's sons that we lead in friendship and hospitality. Are you ready, right, and with us in this move?"

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IN HOME ECONOMICS WELL ATTENDED

College Park, Md., March 16.

Under the direction of Miss K. A. Pritchett, in charge of Home Demonstration Work for Maryland, a well attended neighborhood school or short course in home economics was held at Woodside school in Montgomery county. These movable schools or neighborhood short courses are meeting with much favor in the State and are doing much to popularize the work which the Maryland Agricultural College is doing for the homemakers of the State. The program for the school at Woodside was as follows:

Wednesday, March 8th.

9.30 to 12 a. m.—"House Structure and Sanitation"—1. Structure and plan; 2. Drainage; 3. Screening; 4. Sanitary equipment.

1 to 3.30 p. m.—"House Decoration"—Form, color, line, harmony. Brief outline of periods and development of types of furniture.

Thursday, March 9th.

9.30 to 12 a. m.—"Food Values and Principals."—1. The three principal foods, (carbohydrate, fat and protein) 2. Demonstrating effect of temperature on each.

1 to 3.30 p. m.—"Meat Substitutes."—1. Value of fruits, nuts and vegetables in diet in place of meat; 2. Demonstration; Salad.

Friday, March 10th,

9.30 to 12 a. m.—"Textiles."—Development of fibre; Simple household test for adulteration of fibre.

1 to 3.30 p. m.—"Practical Value of Household Reagents Compared to Commercial Value."—Soaps, Soap Powders, Scouring Polish, Polishers.

"First Aid in Homes."—1. Changing linen. (Patient in bed); 2. Bathing patient; 3. Doctor's chart; 4. Bandaging; 5. Antidote for poisoning; 6. Emergencies in illness; 7. Invalid's tray.



